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Moon Journey

Three Wise Men From The West

By Robert S. Magee
Genesis 1:1-5

The dominant attraction this season has been the three wise men. Unlike the traditional emphasis, it has not been the three wise men from the East in search of the star, but the three wise men from the West in search of the moon. The whole world has been charged with an air of excitement by the spectacular flight of Apollo 8. Millions around the world watched this journey with rapt attention via Telstar. Prayers from near and far were breathed by anxious hearts for a successful venture. The safe return of the astronauts was celebrated with a spirit of gratitude and a sigh of relief. Even the Russians extended congratulations to America on this awesome achievement.

Some impressions of the lunar orbit are unduly optimistic. An Italian in Rome said, "This event must change our daily lives. How could we go on living in our usual, small, narrow ways after something like this? The universe is open to us now. It must affect the way we live." Such unwarranted elation portrays one extreme. In contrast, there are those who regard the entire space program as futile. This was the sentiment of the man in Moscow who complained: "Why go to the moon? We have enough problems here on earth." I do not know what conclusions you have reached with regard to man in space. This is a question which each must decide in his own time.

I am convinced, however, that you must look with admiration on the three astronauts of Apollo 8. Their performance was truly remarkable. Commander Frank Borman, Captain James Lovell, and Major William Anders risked their lives and exhausted their energies in the pursuit of knowledge. The world at large is indebted to these heroic pioneers who have expanded the horizons of astronomy.

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IT IS HE THAT SITTETH UPON THE CIRCLE OF THE EARTH. — Isaiah 40:22. This is the earth, shown above the lunar horizon, as seen from 240,000 miles away. The photograph, released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston, Texas, was taken by the crew of Apollo 8 while they orbited the moon. It shows the Atlantic Ocean between the west coast of Africa and South America, to the far left of the earth. The South Pole would be toward the left in the picture. (RNS Photo)

Only men of rare courage, brilliance, and versatility could have performed this fact-finding feat. They have achieved a goal which only a brief time ago was considered a fantastic dream of science fiction. Through their exploration, men saw the contour of the earth from a distance and the surface of the moon at close range. It is an astounding realization.

These men have much to tell. They can give a firsthand description of the moon. Soaring to unprecedented heights, they penetrated the forbidding darkness and explored the vast expanse. What they have to say, however, can never overshadow what they have already said. They relayed more to earth than facts about the moon. They revealed their profiles as

men of faith. While we learned something about the moon, we also learned something about the men. To read the first chapter of Genesis before an international audience would say much for any man. As the three astronauts took turns reading the Biblical account of creation, it made a tremendous impact on human hearts. They affirmed a great truth from a lofty sphere, and many were moved to tears of joy by this impelling testimony.

This amazing trio demonstrated wisdom as well as technical skill. Their minds not only turned to secondary laws but to primary causes. The book of Genesis was a choice selection, for the basic meaning of the word is "beginning." This is dawn of the space age or the genesis of spatial

exploration. As the message of Genesis was appropriate for them, so it is fitting for us. We likewise are on the threshold of a new beginning. The new year of 1969 lies just ahead. My prayer is that we might demonstrate the wisdom of the astronauts, who were three wise men on a journey. Why do we call them wise?

I. They Carried The Bible On This Perilous Mission

Three brave men set out on a mission that would jeopardize their lives from the instant of launching to the hour of recovery. They were expendable for a cause, fostered by science and expedient for America. Many precision instruments were aboard their space craft to insure survival itself. So much depended on the Saturn 5 rocket which was equipped with an incredible complexity of technical devices. According to one report, this moon rocket was assembled over a period of six years by 100,000 men at the cost of over one billion dollars.

There was no room on board for the nonessentials. This was no luxury cruise which allowed each passenger unlimited baggage. The astronauts must be selective in the items they carried. While they must leave behind many things that contribute to comfort and convenience, they carried the Bible. My point is this: they took the Bible along by choice and not by routine ritual. It was something they deemed so important that they wanted it along on this great adventure.

We would do well to follow the example of the three wise men from the West. Destiny in space is not nearly so crucial as destiny in life. We have no foregleam of what lies

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FMB HEARS REPORTS; ADDS TO STAFF

In its regular monthly meeting in Richmond, Va., January 9 the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board elected Dr. Stanley A. Nelson, pastor of Ridge Road Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., an associate secretary for missionary personnel; named Dr. A. Clark Scanlon, missionary to Guatemala for 15 years, its field representative for the Caribbean; appropriated \$20,000 for relief of suffering in the eastern Nigeria-Biafra region, bringing to \$70,000 the amount thus far made available for that purpose; and heard annual summaries of its overseas work from administrative staff members.

Dr. Nelson will fill the vacancy left by the election in October of Rev. Louis R. Cobbs as secretary of the department for missionary personnel. One of five associate secretaries in the department, he will be in charge of the Foreign Mission Board's work with high school and college mission volunteers, the overseas summer mission program of the Baptist Student Union, and the selection and training of missionary journeymen.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said the Board is now preparing its official statistical report for 1968. "While the report will be encouraging and will reflect steady

progress, it will tell only a partial story," he explained. The stability of missionaries and national Christians under uncertain and sometimes chaotic conditions can never be adequately reflected in numerical reports.

"In Vietnam, Nigeria and the Middle East missionaries have continued to demonstrate the remarkable qualities of dedication and perseverance," Dr. Cauthen continued. "Missionaries in other lands where situations are critical but less pressing have continued their work with commitment and effectiveness. Experience through the years makes us quite aware that the qualities of missionary perseverance are demonstrated most clearly when conditions are most difficult."

Dr. Cauthen reported that in 1968 Southern Baptists provided \$13,018,000 for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program. "It is our conviction that this kind of financial undergirding represents a deep determination on the part of Southern Baptists to thrust forward in worldwide ministry," he said.

Then he shared reports which reflect the prayer and sacrifice which went into the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. (The total amount of this offering will not be known until May 1.) In a little church of eight members the four who participated in the Week of Prayer (in early December) gave \$116.

Dr. Cauthen read from a letter from a pastor: "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has done more for our church than any other one thing. It has given our people a greater missionary vision and a deeper and clearer concept of the Cooperative Program."

Dr. Scanlon becomes one of six Southern Baptist missionaries serving as field representatives in Latin-American countries and one of two in the Middle America and Caribbean

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A Southern Baptist Family Lives In Moscow

By Mrs. John D. Meredith

Montgomery, Alabama

(Mrs. Meredith is the former Rosalie Hayden, daughter of Mrs. Royal Hinson of Canton, and niece of Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby. She grew up in Yancey County and graduated at Mississippi College and Baylor University. The Merediths now live in Montgomery, Alabama, where Col. Meredith teaches in the Air Force University — Editor.)

We stood with arms interlocked, six Americans forming a tight line. It was 12 o'clock midnight. People were pushing and shoving. The militia (police) were attempting to hold back young hecklers as hundreds of "Old Believers" marched around their church carrying lighted candles and icons. We watched in stony silence, realizing that these Christians were having to fight for their right to worship. This was Easter in Russia.

"How would you like to go to Moscow?" Such was the cheerful greeting of my husband as he came in from work one afternoon. I smiled and wondered what story he had heard and was about to repeat when he said, "It's for real. I received a phone call from Washington. They want me to go as an assistant mil-

tary attaché to the American Embassy in Moscow."

I must have sat stunned for a full minute; but after recovering from the shock, we discussed the pros and cons of such an assignment and reached the conclusion that even though a bit frightening, it should prove to be most interesting and educational.

Our next thoughts turned to the duties of embassy personnel in general, and we remembered the strenuous social commitments that are an integral part of diplomatic circles everywhere. Being Southern Baptists who neither drink nor serve alcoholic beverages in our home, we realized my husband might not qualify for this particular type of military duty for which he had been selected. Therefore, he phoned this bit of information in to the Washington office so that, if necessary, someone else could be considered. A few days later we received the message that our Baptist way of life made no difference and caused no change in orders. We were going to Russia!

Russian language, we arrived in Moscow, July 26, 1967, and remained until July 1968. Life in the Soviet Union did prove to be interesting and educational as we had predicted—only more so. It was a great opportunity to meet

people from many countries—Canada, India, Iran, Denmark, Syria, United Arab Republic, England, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia—to name a few. However, we considered the opportunity to travel in the Iron Curtain countries the most rewarding of the two-year tour. We traveled by car, train, and plane in the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. Of all the Communist countries, we discovered the Soviets know the least about

AMERICANS. They know something of the geography of America but little about the people.

After the Communists came into power, only one large Baptist church was permitted to remain open or "working" in Moscow. (Many churches were converted into museums or storage warehouses.) It has a membership of approximately 5,000, and we were told there were over 2,000 present at each service we attended. (Continued on page 2)



BAPTIST CHOIR IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA—(RNS Photo)

SBC Increases Gifts, Misses Budget Goal

NASHVILLE (AP) — Cooperative Program contributions during the month of December dropped 16 per cent, causing the Southern Baptist Convention to end the year 1968 short of its budget goal of \$26.7 million by \$722,530, an end-of-the-year financial summary here indicated.

The shortage prevented the convention, for the first time since 1962, from distributing all of the allocated funds for capital needs (building construction), but the SBC met and surpassed operating fund needs for the year.

Total world missions contributions, including both the Cooperative Program unified budget and special offerings to specific designated causes, totaled \$47,330,356, an increase of 4.91 per cent or \$2,216,258 over 1967 total world missions gifts.

Cooperative Program gifts were \$25,977,469. Although this was \$722,530 short of the \$26.7 million goal, it was \$807,665 more than was given through the Cooperative Program in 1967, an increase of 3.21 per cent.

"The 3.21 per cent increase in Cooperative Program giving for Southern Baptist Convention causes in 1968 will bring gratitude to the heart of each missionary at home and abroad," said Porter W. Routh of Nashville, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee.

Williams said the main reason for the failure to meet the goal was a bad month in December, with 18 of the 30 states in the SBC reporting decreases in giving. Some of the states were the larger conventions.

With total Cooperative Program gifts of \$1,928,341 in December, it marked the only month of 1968 when less than \$2 million was received for SBC Cooperative Program causes.

Routh expressed hope that world missions concern and contributions will increase in 1969 in proportion to the needs.

"There will have to be a significant increase in 1969 if the convention is able to pay anything on the 1969 capital funds allocation," said Routh. "It would take an unusual increase to make possible any advance funds in 1969."

The six SBC agencies in the capital needs section for 1968 received an average of 67 per cent of their capital needs, Williams reported. The six agencies are the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Southern Baptist The-

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Prayer Urged for President On His Inauguration Day

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — An appeal for united prayer among American people has been initiated by the Interfaith Religious Observance Committee for the 1969 Inauguration Committee.

On January 20, 1969 citizens across the land will pray in all places of worship appropriate services for the President and Vice-President.

The committee urged Americans to offer "thanksgiving to Almighty God for His mercy and blessings on Amer-

COMMITTED CRITICS

By T. B. Maston
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of Christian Ethics
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Many aspects of Southern Baptist life are being reexamined and re-evaluated. This reexamination can be healthy. New directions for our work may be established. Creative energies may be released.

The preceding will be true to the degree that the ones who are doing the reexamining are committed to the truth of God and also to our denomination as it serves the purposes of God in the world.

It is possible for one to be critic and not be committed. His criticism may be valid, but his spirit, in most cases, will defeat his purpose. Most of those who are committed to the denomination will refuse to accept his criticism.

There are critics of some aspects of the work of our denomination who are thoroughly committed to the well-being of the denomination. Some of those individuals insist that they are critical because they are committed. They contend that if one is genuinely committed to the work of Southern Baptists he will be critical of any aspect of that work that needs to be changed, improved, or strengthened.

It will be tragic for our churches and our denomination if we refuse to listen to our critics, particularly to those who are committed to the work of Southern Baptists.

It is possible that mistakes are being made in the work of our denomination that will not be corrected because no one calls attention to them. Some people may not speak up because they are afraid of the reactions to what they say.

Some way we must maintain or

recover in so far as it has been lost the spirit and atmosphere that will make it possible for us to differ and yet respect one another and maintain fellowship with one another. If we are to have a healthy denomination Baptists must be able to differ in love.

On the other hand, those who see things that need to be corrected should have the courage to speak out. Let such ones be sure, however, that they speak with a sincere desire to help. In other words, it is doubtful if any of us have the right to speak unless we are committed.

Also, if and when we feel compelled to speak let us do it in humility, recognizing that we share some of the responsibility for the conditions we are criticizing. We should never stand aloof from our denomination. Rather, we should identify ourselves with it.

If we identify with our denomination as we should, we will not be vindictive in what we say. We will never get any personal satisfaction out of criticizing our denomination or any agency or institution of our denomination. It will be somewhat comparable to criticizing a member of our family.

It should be our desire that our denomination and its institutions and agencies would be better instruments to serve the purposes of God among men. Our prior loyalty to the work of Christ may mean that we must criticize certain phases of our denomination. But what is best for the kingdom of God ultimately will also be best for the denomination.

Criticism from one who is committed to the work of the Lord as represented by our denomination will always be constructive. It may open wounds but there will be healing for those wounds in its spirit.

NEWS BRIEFS

MAF Plans Crashes In Gorge Near Savages

FULLERTON, Calif. (EP)—In the vicinity of a New Guinea village where two missionaries were ambushed and killed September 25, 1968, a plane operated by Missionary Aviation Fellowship crashed killing five people.

Dead are the pilot, Meno Voth of Vanderhoof, British Columbia, Gene Newman of Amity, Oregon, his wife Lois Newman, and their children Steven, Joyce and Jonathan, ages five, three and one.

Paul Newman, age 10, survived without injury. Voth is survived by his wife, Priscilla, and one child. The elder Newman had served as field agent for MAF in West Africa.

Surviving savages who had taken part in the killing of two missionaries last September cared for 10-year-old Paul as he awaited rescue. The villagers exclaimed to rescuers when they arrived: "We beg you for your friendship."

The encounter is seen as a possible major breakthrough for the development of meaningful contact with the people of this area.

The accident, which took place at high altitude within the confines of a precipitous gorge, occurred while the plane apparently was functioning normally.

Columbian Press Hails Evangelical Parade

BOGOTA, Colombia (EP)—El Tiempo, Colombia's leading newspaper, carried a three-column story about the "Bible Parade" in this capital city Dec. 16 which marked the close of 1968 Evangelism-in-Depth campaigns throughout the nation.

"Thirty thousand evangelicals paraded through the center of Bogota, saluting President Lleras and reiterating their determination to support the government and obey the laws," the report stated.

The paper acknowledged the parade as the greatest display of united evangelical effort and acceptance ever known — this in a nation where less than 15 years ago Protestant activities outside buildings dedicated for worship were forbidden.

Graham, Returned From Vietnam, Sees Possibility Of Peace In '69

ATLANTA (EP)—Returning from a visit to American troops in Vietnam, evangelist Billy Graham said he believes there is a "real possibility" in the next year that peace will come to Vietnam.

The famed preacher described as "tremendous" the Apollo 8 astronauts' prayer and reading from the Bible as they orbited the moon.

"America is looked upon as a material nation by the rest of the world," Mr. Graham commented, "but this showed that our people can carry out a highly technical achievement and on the other hand say they believe in God."

Mr. Graham said he found the Vietnam "pacification program" had progressed considerably since his last visit in 1966 and held that the war "is won militarily."

"Right now," he told reporters here, "75 per cent of the Vietnamese people are under South Vietnam's government."

The South Vietnamese army, he claimed, "is doing a tremendous job, but I'm sure there will be a long-term need for men to be stationed there—if for no other reason than to maintain the huge bases that have been built."

Asked if he thought a cessation of fighting and a coalition government might emerge from the Paris peace talks, Mr. Graham replied, "I don't think the South Vietnamese will ever accept the Vietcong in a coalition."

Commenting on the President-elect, Mr. Graham said: "I don't know any man who can keep his cool like Richard Nixon." He said he believes Mr. Nixon will keep his cool-headedness under fire.

Soviet Radio Sees 'Joke'

In Astronauts' Bible-Reading

MOSCOW (EP)—The reading from the Bible by the crew of Apollo 8 in a broadcast from outer space was treated as a "joke" here in a commentary by Soviet Radio.

Astronauts Frank Borman, William A. Anders and James S. Lovell, Jr., read the story of Creation from the Book of Genesis.

"It would be interesting," Soviet Radio said, "to know what this means. Is it a joke or a space attempt to strengthen the authority of religion which has been shaken by the flight itself?"

450 Attend Rally In Rugged Big Horn Basin

WORLAND, Wyo. (EP)—A Crusade of the Americas rally here for church in the Greater Big Horn Basin attracted more than 450 persons from 12 states located in a 7,000 square mile area.

More than 17 Baptist churches with a combined membership of about 10,000 attended with the American, Conservative or Southern Baptist associations. Population in the area is about 35,000.

A Baptist Family In Moscow

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There are three services on Sunday, and each is two hours long. The youth and the adult choir alternate in singing. The church is so filled at all services that one cannot see aisles because of people sitting or standing in them. The Russians are marvelous singers, and the music in all of their worship services is impressive. The Baptist church has not just one minister but several, all of whom speak at each service. We were privileged to see a wedding. A ring was given to the bride by the minister who officiated. After the service we told him how this differs from our custom, and he said the giving of the ring was something new in their ceremony.

Rev. James Barkenquast, a Lutheran minister sponsored by an organization in the United States, served as Protestant minister for the American Embassy and also for the British Embassy. I was organist (although my previous experience was only as a pianist) because on our arrival the organist, a First Secretary of the British Embassy, was declared persona non grata (not acceptable, no longer welcome) by the Soviet government. My daughter Michelle, 13 years of age, was privileged to teach a Sunday school class of four-year-olds. Sunday church services alternated between the American Embassy and the British Embassy, but

Sunday school was conducted at the American Embassy every Sunday and there were approximately 80 children enrolled from various countries.

Russian Baptists are permitted to have church services but no Sunday schools or church organizations. During our stay there, several Baptists

in Kiev were sentenced to prison for attempting to organize a Sunday school. The Soviets boast of Article 124 of their Constitution which states: "Freedom of religious worship — is recognized for all citizens." Mention is seldom made of the latter part of Article 124: "Freedom of religious

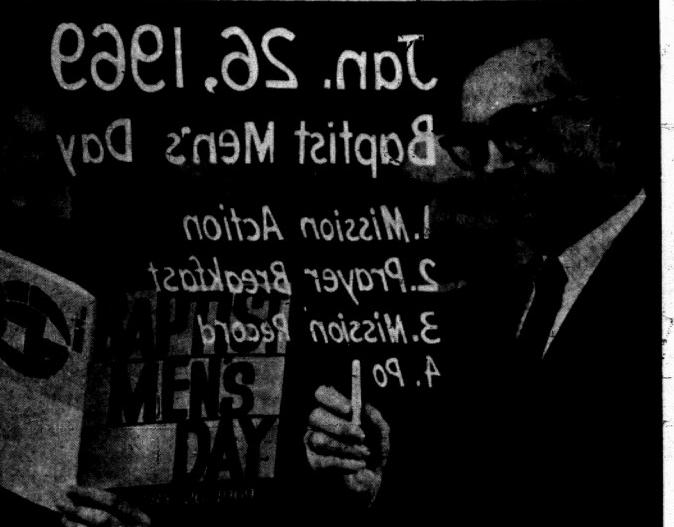
worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens." No provision for pro-religious propaganda is made. Even though worship is permitted to an extent, expression of views in favor of religion is not.

The social activities in Moscow were as numerous as we had expected, but serving tomato juice and punch never posed a problem for us. We realized of course that there were always some people who could not enjoy an evening without drinking and there were those who thought no more of drinking wine than water; but on the other hand, we had Iranians, Japanese, Norwegians, Indians, and Americans tell us it was a pleasure to come to our home and spend an evening without the customary alcoholic beverages.

Our children, Mike and Michelle, enjoyed very much the two years we spent in Moscow. The first year we had a small apartment (two Russian apartments combined) in a diplomatic building ten miles out of town, and the next year we lived in town at the Embassy. Snow fell about six months out of the year, and all of the children enjoyed ice skating. There was a large ice rink at Gorky Park and a small rink in the Embassy courtyard. Mike and Michelle had many foreign friends because they attended Sunday school and the Anglo-American school with children from many countries of the Western Bloc. They also enjoyed the Russian Ballet which was excellent and reasonable in cost. During the short summer season there was swimming and Little League off and on at Lenin Stadium, depending on the mood of the Soviets.

The Russian people were not free to associate with foreigners. We talked with them when we made trips, but those we knew best were employed at the Embassy as maids, chauffeurs, electricians, and general workmen. During the two years we lived there we did not find expression or evidence of any anti-American feeling among the people. This indeed was a miracle, considering the propaganda they receive day after day.

Living in the Soviet Union was like living in another world. It was an experience to be remembered. But my family and I are happy to be home, happy to be members of First Baptist Montgomery, Alabama, and ever grateful that we live in a country where freedom still reigns.



BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY—Men in many Southern Baptist churches are using suggestions in a free packet for a successful observance of the annual laymen's emphasis January 26.

FMB Hears Reports; Adds To Staff

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area. (The Foreign Mission Board's

tists increased from 70 programs per month on 10 stations to 250 programs per month on 38 stations.

Dr. James D. Belote, secretary for East Asia, related some observations growing out of a November trip to the six countries or colonies of that area where Southern Baptist missionaries work.

Japan continues to be one of the most challenging mission fields in East Asia, he said. However, he noted that certain factors in Japan today are seen as possible hindrances to the rapid spread of the gospel. "There is a resurgence of some of the ancient religious traditions and an increasingly materialistic outlook," he said. "More and more, science and technology are being looked to for answers to all of man's problems."

In Hong Kong Baptists have, among other things, formulated plans for a convention-wide church music project and for thrusts in social work ministries among refugees in 1969. "For several years there has been much tension in Hong Kong due to agitation by Communists," Dr. Belote continued. "At present, however, the British crown colony is enjoying a period of relative peace and quiet, a time of undisturbed opportunity for missionary work.

Dr. Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, briefly examined the functioning of the division since its creation in April. During the period the Board authorized the entering of three countries, Angola, Senegal, and Egypt. Missionaries are already located in Angola and those for Senegal and Egypt are awaiting full clearance for residence and/or work.

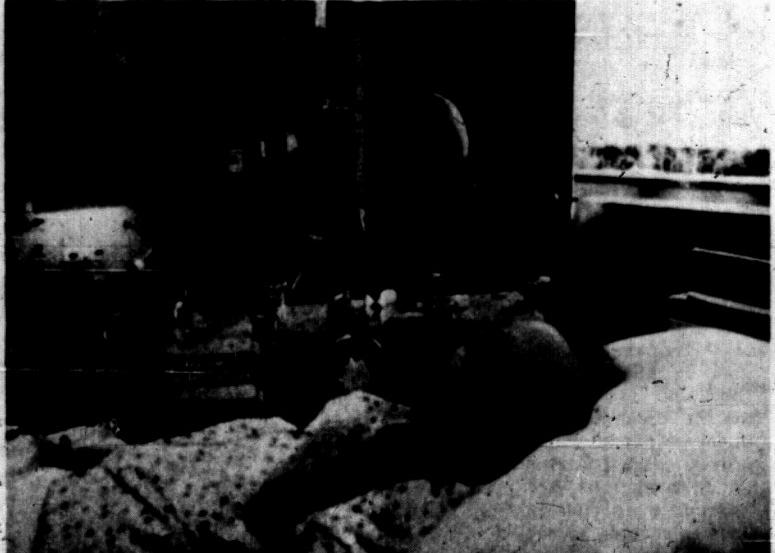
After a record year of 247 mission

ary appointments, the Board came to the end of 1968 with 2,371 missionaries under assignment to 69 countries. About 250 of the missionaries are in short-term auxiliary categories. This accounts for larger rotation in missionary figures.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for South America in summarizing the many facets of evangelism and church development in South America, gave special note to the accelerated progress in the use of radio and television by Baptists. Radio programs sponsored by Brazilian Bap-

tists went over their goal of \$300 for the Little Moon Offering. The amount given, in fact, doubled the goal. It was \$513.17, according to the pastor, Rev. Howard Davis.

Mrs. R. E. Gardner is secretary and treasurer of the WMS at Louin.



Louin Tops Goal

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Dr. Stanley Nelson

Second Baptist Missionary To Cuba Free, May Return

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living room environment, and government authorities — though non-committal — listened patiently to the parents' plea for their son's release.

During the time that David's parents were in Cuba pleading his case, Cuban authorities decided to release Caudill conditionally to seek treatment for a detached retina, the ailment that already had blinded him in one eye.

The highly specialized surgery necessary to save his sight apparently was not available in Cuba and when an Atlanta eye surgeon — Dr. William Hagler — volunteered to go to Havana to perform the surgery, he was granted permission by both the U.S. and Cuban governments to do so. The operation, in March, 1967, apparently was a success.

Communication from that point on was skimpy and of little news value. Caudill remained under house arrest to recuperate and was not returned to confinement at La Cabana Fortress.

David Fite was moved to a prison farm where he could work outdoors and his wife reported him "tan and healthy."

Encouraging news came in the fall of 1968, when the Fites' eldest son, 12-year-old James David Jr., was allowed to leave the country and come to the U.S., where he is now living with David Fite's twin brother, Atlanta Ophthalmologist Donald Fite.

Then, as a flurry of speculation about the possibility of Fite being paroled since he had served half of his sentence began to fade, the announcement of his full pardon reached Baptists in the states three days before Christmas. There was no word at that time about the fate of Caudill and his wife, who also had remained in Cuba.

Early in January, 1969, the Home

Mission Board received word that apparently Caudill would be allowed to return home after 35 years of mis-

sionary service and nearly four years in prison. The prayer vigil, surely, continues.

If you keep your mind sufficiently open, people will throw a lot of rubbish in it. — William A. Orion

Let knowledge grow from more to more,

more of reverence in us dwell. — Alfred Lord Tennyson

God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

John C. Pafford Fund Launched

FRIENDS OF JOHN C. PAFFORD, 331 W. Northside Drive, Jackson, have launched a drive to raise \$6,000 to purchase an Artificial Kidney Machine for his use. He has suffered complete kidney failure, and was for sometime confined to University Hospital, Jackson. Recently he was transferred to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, where the machine sustains his life, and the hospital is trying to build back his health, so that he can use a machine at home. Individuals using such machines at home usually can do some work, taking treatments about three times a week. The fund for purchase of the machine

can be sent to the John C. Pafford Fund, 331 W. Northside Drive, Jackson, Miss. The money will be used to purchase the machine and to help defray expenses of the patient's care. The money will be used to help defray expenses of the patient's care.

need: Mr. Pafford is 37 years of age, is married and has five children ages 7 to 17. Mrs. Pafford is shown with him in the photograph, along with machine which is in use at Vanderbilt Hospital. Any interested person is invited to send gifts.

to visit his imprisoned son.

The Clifton, Fites spent more than a month in Cuba. Officials arranged for frequent visits with David in a

Statewide Family Life Conference Is Planned For Feb. 23-26, 1970

Dr. Evelyn Mills Duvall, Dr. Myron C. Madden, Dr. John Howell and Dr. B. A. "Pat" Clendenning will be among those featured on the State Family Life Conference to be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, February 23-26, 1970, according to announcement by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission.

The conference will be jointly sponsored by the Commission, Hinds County Baptist Association and Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Dr. Hensley said a committee headed by Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland, is planning other details of the program.

Some forty state leaders will have program assignments to be announced later. This program will be structured for a depth study of family interpersonal relationships.

Dr. Duvall, widely known author and lecturer, has conducted family life conferences around the world. Copies of her books have sold in the millions and are widely used by educators, counselors, parents and youth workers.

Dr. John Howell is professor of Christian Ethics, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, counselor in Midwest Christian Counseling Center, and author of Broadman Press release "Teaching About Sex—A Christian Approach."



Pontotoc, First, Is Second In Per Capita Giving

First Church, Pontotoc was second in the state in per capita giving to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1967-68. They have climbed to this position from 29th place during the eight years of Dr. Levon Moore's leadership as pastor. During these years the budget has almost doubled.

During the recent construction of a building which provides educational facilities for 500 people, mission giving increased. Last year this church gave 40% of a 48-weeks budget to the Cooperative Program. (Fifth Sunday offerings were designated for the building fund.) This year they will give 25% of the total budget, including payments on the building, to missions through the Cooperative Program.

An annual stewardship emphasis and strong emphasis on missions through WMU and all of the organizations of the church contribute to this spirit of Cooperative Program support. This church was also number 20 in the state in total gifts through the Cooperative Program.

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ahead in the unexplored year 1969. Like the astronauts, we must venture forth. Like them we should advance with the manual of life. Recalling the words of another, let us read the Bible to make us wise; let us believe the Bible to make us safe; let us practice the Bible to make us holy.

II. They Remembered The Creator As They Explored Creation

The wise are perceptive. They observe creation as evidence of the creator, design as the evidence of the designer. So did Borman, Lovell, and Anders. They had sight and insight. Often they must have thought of the celestial bodies in terms of the Bible, but on this occasion they thought of the Bible in terms of creation. It may well have been an experience of gazing at the heavens that inspired the psalmist to exclaim: "The heavens declared the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." Creation is an abiding tribute to the Creator.

The selection of the creation story in Genesis to read while orbiting the moon was an inspired thought. It alone affords an adequate explanation for the existence of the sun, moon, and stars. Every intelligent mind that delves into the mysteries of creation must raise the question: "Who made it?" or "What made it?" The Bible reveals the purpose or "why" of things, for men can discover the "how" of things. We must either accept the God of creation or deify nature. Donald Henry Porter, mathematician and physicist, at the University of Indiana, wrote the following words in a symposium entitled *The Evidence of God in an Expanding Universe*: "Whatever process of nature is considered, or whatever question of origins is studied, as a scientist I derive satisfaction only by placing God in the leading role. God is the central figure in every picture. He alone is the answer to the unanswered questions."

From the same work come the words of George Earl Davis, nuclear physicist and specialist in solar radiation: "If a universe could create itself, then it would embody in itself the power of a Creator, a God, and we should be compelled to believe that the universe itself is a God." To remember the Creator at the proper time is a mark of wisdom. This was

the import of Solomon's counsel, the wisest man of the ancient world: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Nature does not deny her Maker even though men may lose their sense of wonder. The art gallery of creation magnifies the Master Artist.

III. They Correlated The Work Of God With The Word Of God

There is no conflict between the Bible and creation. One is the word of God, and the other is the work of God. Expressed in different words, the Author of the Bible and the Author of creation are the same. The three astronauts obviously recognized this truth. If we had only this one glimpse into their characters, we could conclude that they were not atheistic evolutionists. They do believe in a Creator. Since they have so frequently confronted the theory of evolution attired in scientific plausibility, their faith in creation is encouraging. This, however, is only one aspect of their conviction.

With no thought of reading more into their expression than was intended, we can interpret the incident. Strongly implied by their behavior is the belief that the God of the Bible is also the God of creation. This adds a brighter dimension to theology than simply the concept of a higher power. There are scientists who are driven by rational processes to accept the existence of a supreme being, but they do not acknowledge the revelation of God's Word. There are also professing Christians who relegate the creation story of Genesis to the realm of myth or legend. Neither the scientist nor religionist of this persuasion would associate the word of God with the work of God. Yet, the Bible is just as wonderful in the sphere of revealed religion as the sun is in the solar system.

A science professor at Loyola College, River Forest, Illinois, Dr. John W. Klotz, speaks for my heart with the statement: "We believe that

Among the guests at the noon fellowship luncheon to close the meeting were Dr. John McCall, Vicksburg, Convention President and Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, Director of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention. Emphasis was made by the Executive Director upon the role of the Commission in the Crusade of the Americas and Rev. Eddie F. Hicks, Waynesboro, brought an address on "About Christian Action".

Other Action Taken

Other action of the Commission in its annual meeting January 3rd included election of officers and the projecting of program plans into 1970. Four new members were welcomed to the group. They are Mr. Bill Nims, Starkville; Dr. Fuller Saunders, Jackson; Dr. Graham L. Hales, Jr., Hattiesburg; and Mr. Fred Rogers, Meridian.

Perhaps an innovation was made among Mississippi Baptist institutions when the new members were invited in for a four-hour orientation session prior to the meeting. Chairman Rowe C. Holcomb assisted Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, in briefing the men on the background, policies, philosophy, role and program of the Commission in Mississippi Baptist Convention life.

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist students will be given a chance to express their concerns to denominational leaders, to each other and Southern Baptists at large as the Consultation on Student Concerns opens Jan. 24-25 at the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

"Impetus for this consultation began last June when about two dozen college students picketed auxiliary meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston," Doyle Baird, coordinator of national projects, student department of the Sunday School Board, said.

At that convention, students were given an opportunity to dialogue with about 250 Southern Baptist leaders and pastors.

Many leaders, including Ed Byrd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Florence, S. C., urged the students to "stay with us since you have these insights and convictions, and help us."

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The Evangelistic Conference

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Each church should be represented in this meeting every year, but it is doubly important this time, since this is the year of the Crusade of the Americas.

The program for this conference is built around the Crusade, and not only will those attending receive inspiration, but also information, ideas and plans, to help make the Crusade effective in each church.

While the Evangelistic Conference often is called the "Preacher's Revival" it actually is attended by many laymen, and even more should be present this year. The Crusade of the Ameri-

ca's involves laymen and women more than almost any revival planning ever done by Southern Baptists, and large numbers of them should be present for this meeting.

Churches all over the state should urge their pastor to go to the meeting, and also should encourage laymen to do so. Moreover, the church should provide financial assistance to make it possible for both the pastor and the laymen to attend. It will not cost very much for a car load of people to go to the meeting from almost any section of the state, and the costs at Gulfshore itself are very reasonable.

Let us all join together to make this the largest and the greatest Evangelistic Conference ever held in the state.

Modern Youth

If one gets his impressions of modern youth only from what he reads in the newspapers, or sees on television, concerning hippies, riots on campuses, "pot" smoking, "mod" dress, "love ins", etc., he will be very discouraged about the future of the nation and the world.

However, if he takes the time to look a little deeper, he suddenly finds that these groups who are getting so much publicity actually do not represent the vast majority of modern youth, and that the hope of America lies not in them but in the serious minded, clear thinking young people, who never make the headlines or become involved in the riotous events of our day.

Moreover, if he looks just a little more carefully, he finds that the finest young people in the world today are in the churches. For example, more than one thousand young people from Baptist churches all over the state gathered in Jackson during the holidays for the first annual Youth Conference

sponsored by the Training Union Department of the State Convention Board. One had only to sit in these sessions to take heart and thank God, for he saw here modern young people, up-to-date in their thinking and action, but dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ and his work, and ready to be used of Him for the building of the churches and the extension of His kingdom. Those present for the Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve had an unforgettable experience, as they saw hosts of young people responding to the call of Christ, and felt the power of God moving in the hearts of the great crowd of young people assembled there.

Looking further, one finds such young people in almost every church, in the Baptist Student work on the college campus, and in other Christian activity of today.

We rejoice and thank God for this multitude of dedicated youth. In days of crisis and distress, they are the very hope of the churches.

NEWEST BOOKS

THE SHANTUNG REVIVAL by C. L. Culpepper (Evan. Division, Baptist General Convention of Texas, paper, 78 pp., \$1.00)

One of the greatest revivals of modern Christianity occurred in the Shantung Province of North China in the period of the early 1930's. The effects of that revival reached across all of China and touched Christians and churches in other nations. The story has been told before, but now a Southern Baptist missionary who experienced the revival tells the story of what happened, how it came about, and what were the far-reaching results. Unbelievable, and humanly impossible things happened, as the Holy Spirit took over and did His mighty work. This report by Dr. Culpepper, who now is retired and lives in San Antonio, tells of the revival and its results, and it is issued just in time to be an aid to the preparation for the 1968 Crusade of the Americas.

GOD IN A CHANGING WORLD by Harold T. Bryson (order from Author, First Baptist Church, Sumrall, Miss., 26 pp., \$1.75)

A Mississippi Baptist pastor presents seven of the expository sermons preached from his own pulpit. The messages are very timely, meeting everyday needs of modern Christians.

They are Biblical, being expositions of Biblical portions. They are well outlined, direct in personal application, and clear in presentation of the Scriptural truth. While the title comes from the first sermon, and not from the full content of the book, the selected messages all do relate the man's relationship to God and God's provision of his every need. An excellent book of messages, giving evidence that this pastor follows the Bible admonitions to "Preach the Word" and "Feed the Flock."

New Sacred Records

THE BEST OF GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA Volume II (RCA VICTOR, LSP 394 Stereo)

America's most beloved gospel singer, soloist for the Billy Graham Team, needs no introduction to lovers of great Christian music. Here he offers some of his most popular numbers including *This Is My Father's World*, *He's Got The Whole World in His Hands*, *The Wonder of It All*, *Because I Need Thee Every Hour*, and others.

BEYOND THE SUNSET—NORMA ZIMMER (RCA VICTOR, LSP-406, Stereo)

The soloist who thrills so many on the Lawrence Welk Television Show, also is widely known as a singer of Christian hymns. Here are some of her finest. Included are *The Wayfaring Stranger*, *Over The Sunset Mountains*, *In The Garden*, *Beyond The Sunset*, *My Task*, and *How Great Thou Art*.

I FEEL THE SPIRIT — FOLK HYMNS BY THE MENNONITE HOUR MEN (Word, Stereo, WST-842-LP)

The Mennonite Hour Men sing with the Mennonite Hour Radio Broadcast, produced by the Mennonite Church. In this album this fine men's choir presents 12 great spirituals, some of which are medleys including several numbers. Among the best known are *Every Time I Feel The Spirit*, *Let Us Break Bread Together*, *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian*, *When The Saints Go Marchin' In*, *Steal Away* and others.

HE'S EVERYTHING TO ME—RAY HILDEBRAND (WORD, W-3411-LP)

Ray Hildebrand works with Ameri-

VOICES FROM THE EDGE OF ETERNITY compiled by John Myers (Voice Publications, Box 672, Northridge, Calif. 91324, 246 pp., \$3.95)

What lies beyond the closed door of death? Who does not wonder what it will be like on the other side? John Myers has spent many years compiling an utterly fascinating book about men and women from every walk of life, — young and old, "saint and sinner," — who have seen quite clearly beyond the grave. Hundreds of testimonies tell of persons on their death-beds who described what they saw beyond death. There are other stories from persons who went to the very threshold of death, and then recovered. As Mr. Myers says, "The testimonies are convincing evidence that again and again in the ultimate test of death the curtain has been drawn back to give man a glimpse into that final reality: eternity." One of the most moving stories in the book is that of David Appleby, husband of veteran missionary, Rosalee Mills Appleby. The young missionary died in Brazil the same night that his son was born. Mrs. Appleby now lives in Canton, China, another annual story tells of the death of Dwight L. Moody.

MISSIONARY STORIES FOR CHURCH PROGRAMS compiled by Marie Lind (Baker, paperback, 100 pp., \$1.95)

Thirty-nine incidents relating to missionaries and their work. These stories show that God prepares men and women and places them in missionary service, that He provides for their needs, that He protects them in times of danger and crisis, and that God prospers their work. Indexed by country, by Scriptures quoted, and by topic.

can youth, and presents folk type of music which appeals to them. He is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In this album he presents a number of folk type numbers, many of which he wrote himself.

FILL MY CUP LORD — Jamall Badary (Word, W-342-LP)

A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, this young man is widely known as an evangelistic and concert singer. His voice has unusual quality, and his interpretation of some of the great hymns is outstanding. Included are *Fill My Cup Lord*, *I'm Gonna Walk The Streets of Glory*, *All the Way My Saviour Leads Me*, *If You Know the Lord*, and other great songs especially suited for the solo voice.

THE DEATH OF A SMOKER — By Dr. Alton Ochsner (Word, W-4145-LP)

No great medical authority in the world today has taken a stronger stand against smoking than Dr. Ochsner of New Orleans. His views and his reasons are clearly presented in this album. How cigarette smoke is related to the increase in cancer, and other diseases is graphically described, and Dr. Ochsner even suggests that the person who is determined to smoke will die easier if he simply shoots himself at about the age of 40, or if he smokes heavily so that heart disease will kill him before cancer does. Dr. Ochsner presents facts and figures that are indomitable.

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ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SEC

"Hundreds of lives are being saved in England due to the breath test given suspected drinking drivers. Road deaths in the London area during the Christmas season of 1967 fell by 55 percent. Accidents were reduced by 38 percent. The law requiring on-the-spot breath tests went into effect October 9, 1967. A driver suspected of having more than .08 percent alcohol content in his blood, is asked to blow through a small glass tube into a plastic bag. Blond colored crystals in the bag turn green if excessive blood alcohol is indicated. In Britain as a whole, road casualties dropped by 21 percent, deaths by 33 percent, and serious injuries by 22 percent during December." (Christian Crusader)

"The Negro merchants and clergymen of Harlem, deeply concerned by the rising tide of criminal violence by blacks against blacks, are demanding hard punitive action. They want drug addicts driven from the streets. Convicted that the courts have been too lenient, they want stern mandatory sentences for muggers and narcotics pushers with a minimum 30 years for those convicted of first-degree murder rather than the present 15 years. This last harsh recommendation was the main thrust of a report on crime released last week by the New York branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Nationally the Crime Index record a 19 percent increase during the first nine months of 1968 over the same period in 1967. The violent crimes, as a group, increased 21 percent and the more voluminous property crimes 19 percent. Armed robbery made up 60 percent of all robbery offenses and increased 37 percent 1968 over 1967. During the first nine months of 1968, firearms were used to commit 65 percent of all murders and 23 percent of the aggravated assaults. Serious assaults with a firearm rose 26 percent, 1968 over 1967." Uniform Crime Report, 12-16-68)

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Suit Project Well Received

This letter went to all who had part in the Christmas "Suit Project". —Editor

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your part in making available the 85 suits that went to pastors in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. They were mailed in time for them to be received for Christmas. The project was well received all over Mississippi.

I wish you could read some of the letters received from the pastors. Where possible we designated that a suit was from an individual or group of individuals. You, no doubt, will be receiving a letter from the pastor who received the suit you sent.

Sincerely yours,

T. COOPER WALTON, State Chairman PIONEER MISSIONS COMMITTEE 316 Robinhood Road Jackson, Miss.

Appreciates New Suit Given By Mississippian

Dear Editor:

I want to express my thanks for the missionary spirit and acts of love you and the people of Mississippi have shown to us. It is a great thrill to know we have faithful friends standing by our side helping in this new work. The sweet Christmas gift from you to us was greatly appreciated and needed. I did not receive a more welcomed or needed gift this year. Thank you again for your concerned spirit of missionary love.

Robert C. Jones
First Southern Baptist Church
Worland, Wyoming

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Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

On a "Christmas card some years ago, there came to me a quotation without indication of author or origin, but it has given to me a useful reminder many times since its arrival. Here is the quotation:

"Why were the saints, saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient, and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all. It was quite simple and always will be."

A Message For All
I sat for long, reading and re-reading that simple, but amazingly significant message. I ran through my mind the names of people of whom the message reminded me; and, believe it or not, the words of the message could well have been used to describe every one of them.

Also, I recalled the times in which I had not been cheerful or patient or silent or agreeable or forward-moving under difficulty; and, not surprisingly, I recalled that those were the times in which I didn't like myself, not to mention not being attractive to other people!!

So, there it is: "Why were the saints, saints? . . . Read it again . . . and again. Post it on your desk or on your mirror or in your kitchen or at your telephone or wherever else it is likeliest to be needed. If you read it often enough, believe it strongly enough, and practice it regularly enough, you just may become a member in good standing of the "Society of Saints."

KEEP TRYING
But don't expect to "make" sainthood on the first day you try! Though I have many bite-bumps on my tongue from being silent when I wanted to talk, and I have some "battle scars" from trying to be patient, cheerful, and agreeable under difficult circumstances, I am making progress; and, at times, I feel that the horns are disappearing and the halo and wings emerging . . . until, in overconfidence, I miscue . . . and start all over again!

Like Paul, I know that I haven't "made it" yet, but I shall keep on striving; for, when those cheerful, patient, agreeable saints go marching through, I surely want to be one of that number! You're invited to join up in the "new saint-to-be-class": it's being organized today.

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor)

Oral Cancer Blamed on Smoking And Drinking—"Smoking of all kinds—cigarettes, cigars, pipes — the use of snuff, and alcohol are major causes for the increase of oral cancer," states Dr. Sol Silverman, Jr. of the University of California San Francisco Medical Center. "There are 25,000 new cases in the United States each year and this number is increasing." He says San Francisco has one of the highest per capita rates of alcoholism in the country and also one of the highest per capita rates of mouth cancer.

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 20 — Mrs. J. Clifford Watson, Clarke faculty; Wayne Duggin, Clarke faculty.

January 21 — David Hicks, Baptist student director, Ole Miss; Gertha Sullivan, staff, Gilroy School of Nursing.

January 22 — Hollis B. Todd, faculty, Mississippi College; Bonnie Graham, staff, Children's Village.

January 23 — J. W. Brister, Gulf Coast supt. of missions; Fred Tarpay, Hinds County supt. of missions.

January 24 — L. Gordon Sansing; Mrs. Willie Schotte; Mrs. Prudie Searcy, Mrs. Ellen Steele, Baptist Building employees.

January 25 — John Stephenson, Wm. Carey faculty; Perry Malone, Staff, Blue Mountain College.

January 26 — Gwendolyn Yarbrough, Baptist Book Store; James B. Butler, Historical Commission.

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Mississippi College Selects Webb, Wagner Co-Chairmen For Religious Emphasis Week

Miss Sandra Webb of Louisville and Buddy Wagner of Isola have been selected as co-chairmen of Religious Focus Week at Mississippi College according to Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities on campus.

The annual event, set this year for Feb. 10-14, will bring a host of well-known speakers to the campus. The week's activities are sponsored cooperatively by the Baptist Student Union on campus and the Student Department of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Named as the result of a campus-wide election, the two seniors will be in charge of the week's activities, which will feature such things

11 Converted In Coffee Bar

Eleven young Austrians, ages 15 to 25, including soldiers, students, and workers, made professions of faith in Christ during a five-night "coffee bar revival" in the Baptist youth center in Salzburg, Austria. Rev. William L. Wagner, Southern Baptist missionary, is director of the center.

Two half-hour programs featuring a quartet of gospel singers, testimonies and songs by Salzburg Baptist young people, and a short message in German by Bill Bathman, an independent missionary from the United States, were held each night. During the coffee time Baptist young people mingled with visitors and witnessed to them.

The first night's programs attracted 25 people, but on the last night there were 80, taxing the youth center's facilities.

Portsmouth Choir Visits Guatemala

Twelve members of a handbell choir from Western Branch Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., spent a week in Guatemala ringing out familiar Christmas carols and hymns.

The choir, composed of 11 high school juniors and seniors and one college freshman, arrived December 28 to present public concerts in three major Guatemalan cities and in four churches. One concert was video taped for presentation over national television. Sister Mounts, minister of music for the Portsmouth church, is choir director.

Members of the Guatemalan Baptist youth federation welcomed the visitors. Although unable to communicate fully because of language barriers, the two groups of young people cemented good will and friendship with ready smiles and firm embraces (Guatemalan handshakes and hugs), reported Mrs. Wendell C. Parker, Southern Baptist missionary.

"United by Christ's love, these U.S. and Guatemalan Baptist youths are sharing common desires to ring out the message of the good news through beautiful melodies and clear testimonies of life," she said.

PASSWORDS

By Anne McWilliams

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MKs Hear Cauthen As Orientation Closes

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, presented certificates to 92 MKs (missionary kids) whose parents were completing a 16-week orientation at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

"This is the first time I've done this. It's been great for the children. And I'm enjoying it. After all, I'm a grandaddy."

The executive secretary congratulated Mrs. W. David Lockard, wife of the orientation director, on having one of the largest families in the Southern Baptist denomination.

Earlier in the evening, in a coronation service for 18 members of Girls' Auxiliary (missionary organization), Dr. Cauthen said, "We try to seek first the kingdom of God" as they go to the mission fields with their parents. He urged them to become better partners with their parents. "While there you can give yourself to Jesus

Christ more and more, as you try to be like him," he said.

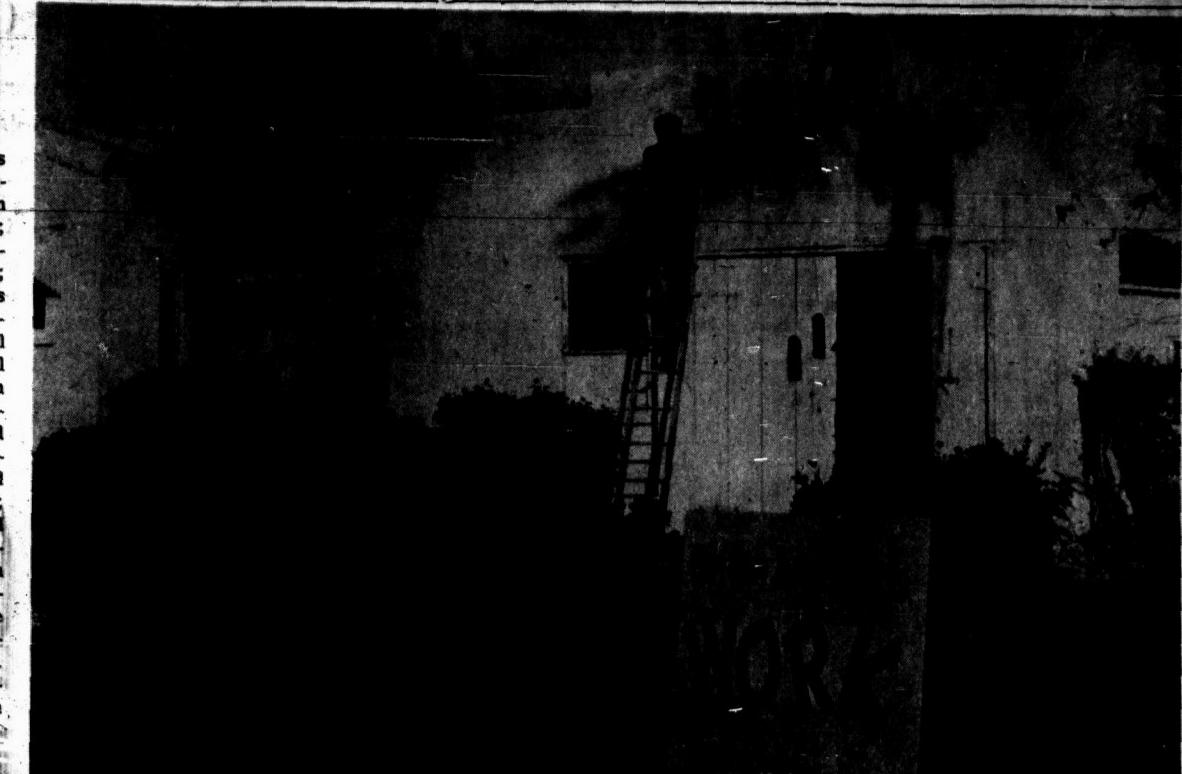
Like the MK certificate ceremony, the GA coronation was a "first" for missionary orientation. GAs at orientation are different; Dr. Lockard said, "because they not only have studied about world missions but are about to become very much involved in missions."

Likening the missionary children to the boy who gave five loaves and two fish to Jesus, Dr. Cauthen said, "You may not have much to give. But what you give may make all the difference."

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Tulsa, Okla., and Kay Hankins, Moss Point — Arrangements; Terry Andrews, Mariana, Fla., and Fran Bugg, Forest Hill, Tenn. — Music: Bob Allen, Brookhaven and Charlie Northern, Jackson — Ushering: Sherill Dillon, Meadville and Phillips Ashcraft, Clinton — Follow-Up: George Stroud, West Point and Cheryl Herrington, Dunn, La. — Spiritual Preparation: Kenny Wally, Richton and Kay Cooper, Clinton — Seminars: Bernie Blackwell, Clinton and Kathy Bay, Hicksville, N. Y. — Program: Richard Morgan, Flora and Peggy Slay, Jackson — Brochure: Jimmy Goolsby, Canton and Carol O'Kelly, Lexington — Hospitality: Buddy Huff, Pascagoula and Ann Rye, Tampa, Fla. — Informal Discussions: David Wallace, Enterprise and Deborah Kee, Woodville — Publicity: Roddy Conner, Tavares, Fla. — Theme Interpretation: and Hugh Prevost, Alexandria, La. — Classroom Visitation.



Today's Youth

"Lamp Unto My Feet"

3 Young People To Take TV Viewers To Berne

Television viewers throughout the nation will be given a look at last summer's Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, through the eyes of three of the young persons who attended.

Titled "Opportunity of a Youth Time," the program will be presented on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Lamp Unto My Feet" at 10:30 a. m., EST, Sunday, January 26.

The film brings to life many stirring

scenes from Berne's municipal auditorium, where more than 5,000 young people representing 65 nations gathered for the youth conference. Evelyn Tolbert of Liberia, Yang Hun Chang of Formosa and Richard Daniels of the United States are followed by the cameras as they experience the thrills and thought-provoking encounters of this unique evangelistic event.

The 200 young people of the Chapel

Choir of First Baptist Church, Dallas, under the direction of Lee Roy Till, sing on the steps of the University of Berne.

Among speakers featured at the conference were Dr. Kenneth Chafin of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Annie Valloton, the Paris artist who illustrated "Good News for Modern Man," and Gerhard Claus, executive secretary of the German Baptist Union.

Billy Graham delivered the closing challenge.

CBS produced the program in association with Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission.

Another Baptist telecast — "Aunt Clara," featuring the 93-year-old "primitive" Dallas artist, Clara McDonald Williamson in a discussion of her paintings and the memories that inspired them — will be telecast January 26 on ABC's "Directions" program, beginning at 1:00 p. m., EST.

They Considered The Ways Of The Ant

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways,

ruler, provide her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

Holmes JC Elects YWCA-YMCA Leaders

Leading the young men and women's Christian associations at Holmes Junior College are eight students.

Officers of YWA include: President Judy Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw of Kosciusko; Vice-President Teresa Marie Ledlow, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Hubert Ledlow of Flora; Reporter Linda Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Welch of Vaiden; and Pianist Sarie M. "Sally" Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown of Dupratt.

In charge of YMCA activities are: President Jerry Clifford Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Alexander of Bentonia; Vice-President Arthur Joe McLellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McLellan of Lexington; Secretary Jerry Gale Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo N. Lewis of Yazoo City; and Song Leader Richard Lamar Simpson son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Simpson of Kosciusko.

If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both.—Horace Mann

Peru Institute Graduates Two

The Baptist Theological Institute of Peru awarded for the first time the bachelor of theology degree December 13. The graduation ceremony was the first to be held in the chapel of the institute's new campus in Trujillo.

Two students, Leonel Arroyo and Victory Ponce, received the degree after the graduation message was delivered by Southern Baptist Missionary Marvin E. Fitts, who has served

in the institute longer than any other professor now on the faculty.

Missionary Lewis E. Lee, institute director, said this year's enrollment of 11 students was the largest in the institute's 10-year history and represents a 100 percent gain over the previous year. Only diplomas were offered at first by the institute; but it now offers bachelor's degrees in both theology and religious education. Until the new campus was completed, the institute was located in Lima.



Clarke Youth Teams Ready For 1969

FROM LEFT, RUBY WINSTEAD, Pelahatchie; John Patterson, Carnegie, Okla.; Linda Marter, Grenada; Bruce Knight, Tupelo. Specializing in conducting church services as representatives of Clarke College, student groups like the one pictured look forward to many engagements in later winter and spring of this new year. Miss Mary Sullivan is sponsor of these activities.



Sherman Ambassadors Win Awards

DURING ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK the Royal Ambassadors of Sherman Church were presented with awards. Left to right: front row, Donnie Taylor, Larry Goddard, Dennis Brooks, Mike Smith, Bobby Mitchell, Tim Caldwell, Squire Pin; back row, Clarence Westmoreland, director, Perry McAnally, Knight Pin; Darwin Brooks, Pioneer Patch; Rev. Gowan Ellis, pastor; and J. W. Holder, counselor.



DR. BAKER J. CAUTHEN, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, draws a "no-tell-tell" inscription from six-year-old Amy Harvey, to whom he gave a MK (missionary kid) orientation certificate during a ceremony at Ridgecrest Assembly. Sister Ward, right, and son Timothy, 13, look on.—(Photo by Muerner S. Harvey)

Dear Lord, You Know The Dreams We Dream

Dear Lord, You, who were once as young as we,
Help us to be the persons we should be.

You know the dreams we dream, the hopes we hold,
The secret longings we have never told.

You know, too, how temptations cross our way,
Help us, dear Lord, to meet them day by day.
Strong in the knowledge You are on our side,
Help us to conquer selfish, thoughtless pride.

Help us to grow as You grew here on earth,
In wisdom, and in stature, and in worth;
And, in that growing, let us ever lend
A helping hand to those who need a friend.

Give us a goal that we may ever strive—
For in that striving we shall keep alive.
Help us to live for right and truth and Thee—
Help us to be the persons we should be.

—Helen Marshall

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MUSIC**1969 District Festivals****PIANO PLAYING, SONG LEADING AND VOCAL**

January 30 & 31—6:30 p.m.
February 1—9:15 a.m.
Thursday, January 30, 1969

Location:
Harrisburg, Tupelo
FBC, Starkville
FBC, Winona
State Blvd., Meridian
Wildwood, Laurel
Ridgecrest, Jackson
Hindsboro Baptist, Hindsboro
Beacon St., Philadelphia
FBC, Charleston
FBC, Forest

Friday, January 31, 1969

Festival Leader:
Aubrey Gaskins
Paul Adams
Mrs. Edith Ballard
Hollis Fraser
Lewis Harrington
Tom Moak
Jimmy McCaleb
Farley Earnest
Pat Gulledge
Syd Doty

Ben Scarbrough
Eddie Prather
Don Wilkins
Talmadge Butler
Jim Hawkins
Verne Taylor
Bill Day

Saturday, February 1, 1969

Milton Burd
Al Garrett
Billy Jack Green
Major McDaniel
Herbert Batson

State Youth Music Tournament And Workshop

(For Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Graders in High School Only)

Place: Blue Mountain College

Date: Friday and Saturday, February 28-March 1

Time: Tournament begins with registration at 4:30 on Friday and concludes after lunch on Saturday.

Those in tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades who meet the requirements in the Vocal and Piano Divisions of the District Festival will be eligible to participate in the State Tournament and Workshop.

State Tournament Benefits

At the Tournament the student will be given opportunity to perform for experienced musicians including music faculty members from Baptist colleges. They will also be judged. Student earning a superior rating at the State Tournament will be given a scholarship of room and board at one of the music weeks at Gulfshore. In addition, the students will have an opportunity to hear artists perform.

(For further information on District Festival or State Tournament write the Church Music Department for pamphlet.)

**Merritts Present Model Of Nigerian Village**

A REPLICA OF A NIGERIAN VILLAGE has been presented to Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo by Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Merritt, missionaries to that West African nation. Mrs. Merritt is the former Betty Cooper, daughter of Calvary's first pastor, Rev. Silas Cooper. Shown at the presentation are from left: Wendell Trapp, chairman of deacons; Mrs. Shirley Thomas, oldest daughter of the late M. E. Leake, in whose home Calvary Church was started; Mrs. Merritt; Mr. Merritt; and Dr. John Traylor, Calvary pastor. The church pays the base salary of Mrs. Merritt through the Foreign Mission Board. While the Merritts are on furlough, Mr. Merritt is serving as visiting professor of missions at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Mexico, Holy Land**Brotherhood To Sponsor
2 Major Mission Tours**

Two major mission tours will be sponsored in 1969 by the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board.

They are the Mission Tour of Europe and the Holy Land, April 22-May 12, and the Brotherhood Education Mission Tour of Mexico, September 1-12.

"The tours offer missionary education through personal experiences on a Southern Baptist mission field and give laymen first-hand understanding of the work and activities of missionaries," explained L. E. Coleman Sr., special projects consultant with the

Brotherhood Commission and tour director.

Lay leaders are invited to attend at least one of the tours, Coleman said. Each person will pay his own expenses. The tour to Europe and the Holy Land costs \$1,100. The tour of Mexico costs \$275. Information is available from Tours, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis, Tenn. 38104.

Do not judge men's merit by their qualifications, but by the use they make of them.—Pierre Charron

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**Brotherhood
BAPTIST MEN'S DAY**

Baptist Men's Day provides a church an opportunity to recognize and use its men. Successful planning is the key to the observance of this occasion. The pastor, minister of education, and church Brotherhood director are definitely responsible for the early planning phase and the continued development of the plan until the plan is materialized on Baptist Men's Day.

I am sure that your church has received pamphlet entitled "Baptist Men's Day." This piece of material is well prepared and filled full of helpful suggestions relative to using the men of our churches January 26, 1969.

One section is given over entirely to suggestions which may be helpful to the pastor in his preparation for observance of Baptist Men's Day. Another section will deal with some suggestions to men and what they can do, and then there is an abundance of suggestions relative to the Crusade of the Americas Hemispheric Day of Prayer, Baptist Men's Day Prayer Breakfast, etc.

It is not absolutely necessary that a church have a Brotherhood organization in order to utilize the talents of the men in the Baptist Men's Day program. It is our desire that every church in Mississippi would spotlight men, missions, and evangelism on this particular day.

Doubles Budget, Too**Rocky Creek Reaches \$1500 Lottie Moon Goal**

Rocky Creek Church of Lucedale, one of the largest rural churches in the state, with a membership of over 650, reached their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$1500.00.

The church also adopted the largest budget in its history. They approved a 1969 budget of \$47,200.00, an increase of 50% over the 1968 budget; \$12,880.00 of this is earmarked for missions.

The church reached its highest average attendance ever in Sunday school this past year.

Rev. John Merck has been pastor for the past eight months.

The church has launched out on a program of intense evangelism. During the next two years Rev. Jimmy Grandy, Rev. Eddie Lieberman, Dr. R. G. Lee, Dr. Charles Howard, and Dr. Vance Havner will be leading in revival services there.

**MISSISSIPPI DUO TO ATTEND
51st ANNUITY BOARD MEETING**

DALLAS — A pastor and layman are expected to represent Mississippi Baptists at the 51st annual trustees meeting of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board here January 28-29.

The two are David Grant, pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church Jackson, and Aven Whittington, a layman from Greenwood.

These trustees will hear reports di-

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Daily Bible Readers 100 Per Cent

The senior Adult Training Union class at Poplar Springs Church, Newton County, reports that all members present were one hundred per cent in daily Bible readings for the past quarter, Oct.-Dec., 1968. Left to right, above, as seated: Bernard Bacum, T. W. Elmore, Mrs. George Redding, George Redding. Standing, l. to r.: Mrs. Bernard Bacum, Refus Gary, Mrs. Refus Gary, A. B. Wilson, Mrs. A. B. Wilson. Not pictured: Mrs. T. W. Elmore, Mrs. Mary Willis, Mrs. Otis Boutwell, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boutwell, Mrs. Sara Lucy Carson Mowdy is Training Union director at Poplar Springs.

LETTER PRAISES NIGERIAN HOSPITAL

A letter to the editor published in the December 11 issue of the Nigerian Observer praised the staff of the Eku Baptist hospital for its quick response in caring for a "critically ill patient in want of blood" brought in to the hospital late at night.

The letter, published in the African newspaper under a headline, "Sign of Efficiency," was written by N. Omoareka of Warri, a neighboring city to Eku. A copy of the article was forwarded to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board by Missionary N. Brannan Eubanks, the hospital's business manager.

Events described in the letter took place on the night of December 4, when its writer accompanied the patient in his transfer from the Warri general hospital to the Eku Baptist hospital for surgery.

This part of the Midwestern Region of Nigeria was occupied by soldiers of eastern Nigeria in the fall of 1967, and roadblocks, still set up, caused considerable delay in getting the patient to the hospital, the writer said. It was midnight when they arrived. Despite the hour, he said, the gate-man ushered them in promptly and notified hospital staff members.

The doctor in charge was contacted, and necessary attendants were summoned from neighboring villages where they live.

"The speed and obedience with which these members of the staff (staying at a distance of about one mile from the hospital) assembled for duty was remarkable," the writer said.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

Early Reactions To Jesus

By Clinton J. Allen
Mark 2:1 to 2:6

Almost from the beginning, Jesus encountered opposition. His perfect goodness rebuked evil. His indifference to empty and enslaving tradition was a threat to religious legalism. His openness and friendliness toward all persons was a rebuke to prejudice. And his self-identification with the true role of the Messiah challenged unbiblical and threatened the religious power structure of the times. All this created hostility toward Jesus. Our lesson has to do with incidents in which Jesus claimed authority to act as God in forgiving sins, in which he showed that no person is to be despised or counted worthless, regardless of moral or social status, and in which he taught that true religion is more than observing traditions and keeping rules. The hostility against Jesus, even this early, took on murderous intentions.

The Lesson Explained

Faith Versus Accusation
Verses 1-12

Four men brought a paralyzed friend, lying on a pallet, to Jesus to be healed. When the packed crowd—at the home where Jesus was staying—refused to yield any space, the four friends took the sick man to the roof, made an opening (which was not too difficult due to the construction of the house), and lowered the man into the very presence of Jesus. Jesus responded to their faith, which included the paralytic's faith also, by dealing with his deepest need first: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

Some of the scribes, representative of the religious hierarchy of Judaism, accused Jesus of blasphemy. They were right in saying that God alone could forgive sins, but they were unwilling to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, as the Son of God. Jesus knew all that was in their hearts. He then confronted them with the fact of his authority and power to perform a spiritual miracle as well as a physical miracle, to forgive the man's sins as well as to heal his body—which Jesus then did. Jesus could meet the man's need in the deepest levels of his being, which was a far mightier miracle, and he could restore his physical body to normal strength. There was an outburst of admiration and praise to God on the part of the crowd, but for Jesus' critics the praise was not strong enough to uproot their hostility.

NEXT PRACTICAL NURSING CLASS OPENS FEBRUARY 10 AT BAPTIST HOSPITAL

More Mississippians should give consideration to careers in practical nursing, Mrs. Johnnay Weber said, at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

"The world of nursing is open to men and women 18 to 55 if they have a high school education or its equivalent," said Mrs. Weber, the hospital's director of nursing service.

"They must be in good physical and mental health, and they must have a sincere desire to help others," she adds. "If they have these things, they can enter the world of nursing."

Mrs. Weber said the next twelve-month class at the hospital's School of Practical Nursing starts February 10 and applications will be accepted through January.

Ten students are in the Spring Class, for which graduating ceremonies are scheduled January 31. Another nine are in the Fall Class, which will graduate in August.

The year consists of academic studies and planned clinical experiences. The first term of thirteen weeks is

To have a thankful heart is something to be thankful for.

The earth is full of the grandeur of God. — Gerard Manley Hopkins

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LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

An Early Home Missionary: Amos

Acceptance And Commitment
Verses 13-14

We must consider these verses, although they are not included in the printed text for lack of space. In the eyes of Jesus, Levi—though a tax collector—was not despised and rejected. He was a person in need of love and forgiveness and friendship. We can imagine the compassion Jesus felt toward Levi and the confidence he had in him when he said, "Follow me." Something happened in Levi's life—a conversion by which he became a new man.

Opposes Verses Criticism
Verses 15-17

Levi's gratitude and his love for his new Master had to have expression. Hence he held a reception for Jesus, inviting other tax collectors and social outcasts to be guests. Jesus was open toward all classes. But the scribes and Pharisees, bitterly jealous and hostile because he ignored class distinction and social custom, criticized him for going in to eat with such persons in open disregard of religious rules and social distinctions. Their criticism provided Jesus with the opportunity to interpret his mission and to describe his critics. He came to be the Saviour of men. Persons blinded by their pride and self-righteousness could receive nothing from him.

Truths to Live By
Jesus Christ has power to release men from sin. — This truth cuts straight to the deepest need in every person's life.

The Christian religion is more than rules—The Christian is one who is related to God by belief in Christ as Saviour and Lord, is one who is captured by love for Christ and a desire to please God, is one who is certain of God's forgiveness and God's help, and is one who is determined to try to do the will of God whatever this takes. The test of a Christian is not rules but Christ.

Getting help requires recognizing need. — God, even though omnipotent, never forces his goodness on us. Many Christians live a life impoverished in understanding and joy and strength and peace: they fail to recognize their emptiness and weakness, they fail to nurture faith and hope through prayer, they fail to confess their impurity and indifference, and they fail to ask for and seek the fulness of the Spirit. Whoever keeps on asking, keeps on receiving; whoever keeps on seeking, keeps on finding. Whoever keeps on desiring to be in Christ will have joy and goodness and wholeness, life to the full and overflowing through Christ.

Amos 7:14-15; 5:4-14; 9:8-11
By Bill Duncan

The message of Amos is one that must be considered for our present time. Amos was a country preacher that went to town and was struck with the immorality and injustice of the town life. He was one that could not be taken for granted. It was not that he misunderstood his times but that the people to whom he preached had misunderstood God. The need for more people to be like Amos is ever before us.

THE CALL OF AMOS

7:14-15

The life of Amos helps to understand the call of God. Amos lived in Tekoa in a vast wasteland near to the Dead Sea. As a poor herdsman he searched for pasture for his flock and cultivated sycamore trees. In this desolate and silent world, Amos was made aware of God's presence and realized his call from God.

"I am no prophet nor a prophet's son." Thus he disavowed any contact with the prophetic guilds of his day and those who were professional prophets. This gave to him a lay status in religious affairs.

God's command was specific to him, Go, be a prophet to my people Israel. First of all, God was the source of his authority and he was responsible to him alone. Second, the call was extended to the Northern Kingdom of his country. This became a pointed mandate of God. He came to this area with a devotion toward God and an ideal which God had laid upon his heart.

The call of God came to a sensitive heart that Kyle Yated, Jr. said had seven major traits. Amos was simple; stern, keen, observant, dynamic, courageous, and uncompromising. Although Amos was blunt with his insight and message, he was uncompromising in his convictions. The prophet's attitude is reflected in these words. "The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"

THE MESSAGE OF AMOS

5:4-14

The basic message of Amos was that a spiritual foundation for life needed to be established so that true moral principles could be built. The ceremony was not enough. The people seek and live. They should seek after God for divine direction and live life accordingly. Man can find life only when he seeks God. This was a message explaining their only hope.

spent in the classroom learning from lectures by the instructor, seeing films, and receiving instructions of the basic nursing arts. The student learns the principles and methods of nursing care to enable him to adequately care for patients when he enters the clinical areas in the hospital.

Within the lecture times, the student learns about the human body by studying anatomy, nutrition, and conditions that affect the body. There is special instruction in specific areas of nursing including mother and infant care, pediatrics, and psychiatry. After the student has successfully completed these first thirteen weeks of study, the time to apply his knowledge arrives and the clinical activities begin. For the remainder of the year, he cares for patients in medical and surgical areas, obstetrics, pediatrics, psychiatry, recovery room, and intensive care. A certain amount of classroom study is included all year.

Naturally, the year is not one of all work and no play. There are many extra-curricular activities that play a part in the life of a Student Practical Nurse. The fellowship of the students in holiday activities, fund raising drives, social functions, dormitory life, and church activities involve many pleasant hours. Even a greater joy is to include the family members in the students' nursing life. A book could be written of the quotes from the proud families of our students.

Applications are being taken now. If you are interested contact: Mrs. Johnnay Weber, Director of Nursing Service, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Woodham

Dixie Pastor Retires After Twenty-Two Years

A 22-year relationship between the Dixie Church, Lebanon Association, and Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Woodham has just ended. The church gave a reception for the couple following Mr. Woodham's announcement of his resignation and retirement from the pastorate. The Woodhams were presented with a Hide-a-Bed couch and matching chair, a recliner, and a color television, in appreciation of the service they had rendered to the church and community.

In making the presentation, Mr. Sumrall, chairman of deacons, said, "In appreciation for your service in our church and community as pastor and friend to all, we present to you these gifts as a token of our love and esteem for you. You have had joy in our successes, and have grieved with us in our adversities. You have united our young ones in marriage—you have given us strength in our deepest sorrows. Words cannot express our emotions at your leaving, but we hope for you a full return of health that you may continue to preach the good news of salvation to all men."

The 22 years have been marked by unity and progress. Church membership has increased by 50%; Sunday school attendance increased by 300%, and Training Union attendance by almost 200%. Offerings have increased from \$1,400 to more than \$32,000 per year. The church now gives one-third of all offerings to the various mission causes. A new building and pastor's home have been built and paid for in this period.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodham have built a house at 700 South George Street, Petal, Mississippi and will make their home there.

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DEVOTIONAL

An Encounter Of Involvement

By Kenneth Miller, Associate Training Union Department

Acts 10:32-33

Simon Peter had an encounter with God that indelibly impressed him with the will of God to carry the gospel of Christ to those who were lost regardless of tradition. Now, as then, God's message of salvation is not to be limited by time, space, generation gap, culture, race, traditions, or social structure. The Good News of Christ is for all men. This idea presented a crisis for the first century church, because it was completely unorthodox to the traditional teachings and practices of the Jewish faith to consider the Gentile in spiritual matters. The aggressive witness, Simon Peter was more than willing to witness in the traditional manner, but God was demanding more than the ordinary.

Strangely enough a crisis still exists. A crisis resulting from the modern Christian that is not willing to do more than the ordinary. A passive acceptance of God's call is far more productive. Simon Peter met God's demand only when he was willing to become personally involved, and go to the Gentile himself. Such a venture was unusual, daring, courageous, and even unlawful. "Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation . . ." (10:28). The encounter that Simon Peter had with God made it evident to him that involvement in the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ was essential regardless of the cost.

With the evangelistic thrust and emphasis of 1968, personal preparation on the part of the church and the individual Christian is mandatory. Often this essential part of true evangelism is forgotten. Simon Peter was aware of the desire of Cornelius to hear the message of Christ after his own moving experience with God. As Dr. Frank Stagg so boldly writes, "There are those who continue to say that Peter opened the door to the Gentiles; it would be closer to the truth to say that the Gentiles opened a door to a larger world for Peter!" Who do you know that is earnestly seeking the truths of God's redemption, but must first wait until you have an encounter with God that calls you to personal involvement before a large world is opened to them?

God has a marvelous way of giving fresh new opportunities of service, and new avenues of witness. New and exciting ways of proclaiming the changeless Gospel of Christ are available when God's people of today will commit themselves in personal involvement. Proclamation and witness through the Crusade of the Americas, after you have had a personal encounter of involvement with God.

Haynes Completes Dissertation On Pasquini's Works

Dr. Brooks Haynes, Head of the Music Department of Blue Mountain College announces the completion of the publication of the complete keyboard works of Bernardo Pasquini (1697-1716). The seven-volume work is published by the American Institute of Musicology, Rome, Italy, as series 8 of CORPUS OF EARLY KEYBOARD MUSIC, its comprehensive publication project of works in this category.

Dr. Haynes collected microfilm of

original manuscripts and early publications, transcribed them into modern notation, and arranged them into chronological order as part of his doctoral dissertation at Indiana University. His dissertation advisor was Dr. Willi Apel, author of THE HARVARD DICTIONARY OF MUSIC and many other authoritative works in the musical field.

The original dissertation included a commentary which involves a complete analysis of the works and a comparative study of these with other contemporary works of the period. The commentary is not included in the present publication, but is available on microfilm from University Microfilms, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Pasquini project was completed in 1968; publication was begun in 1968.

MISS JOY PICKERING and David Woodall were married in the first wedding ceremony held in the chapel of the new Baptist Building. Rev. Jerry St. John officiated.

In the first wedding ceremony ever performed in the chapel of the new Baptist Building, Miss Joy Pickering became the bride of David Elliott Woodall, on Friday, December 20, at 2:30 p.m. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Frazier of Jackson and Doyle Dewey Pickering of Laurel, she works in the Mailing Department of the Baptist Record.

The bridegroom, the son of Mrs. Dorothy Woodall of Jackson, is employed with Al Page & the Draftsmen, East Capitol Street, Jackson.

Rev. Jerry St. John officiated. Mr. St. John, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is state missionary to the deaf. He performed the ceremony in both oral and sign language, as both bride and bridegroom are deaf.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Rev. Charles Duke, pastor of Cherry Street Methodist Church, Vicksburg. Her sister, Mrs. Pamela Pickering Colvin, was matron of honor. Best man was Al Page, the bride-

groom's employer.

Music was provided by Miss Grace Lovelace, Cooperative Missions Department, pianist, and Mrs. Maude Womack of the Sunday School Department, who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer." As she sang, Mrs. Womack also interpreted the words with her hands.

After a wedding trip to the Gulf Coast, the couple is living in Jackson at the DeVeille Apartments. Both attend the Church for the Deaf.

He studied at Co-Lin Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi. She graduated from Central High School, Jackson, and attended Hinds Junior College for two years.

It is more to the honor of a Christian soldier, by faith to overcome the world, than by a monastic vow to retreat from it; and more for the honor of Christ to serve him in a city than to serve him in a cell. — Matthew Henry

Temple Church, Ruston, La., and formerly in Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McElroy of Clarke College recently heard a unique performances of Handel's Messiah in Atlanta, Ga., with Robert Shaw conducting. Mr. McElroy has conducted this oratorio for the past six years consecutively, and conducted the Meridian Chorale in a performance of Messiah on WTOK-TV. Mrs.



Mr. and Mrs. David Woodall

*About The Bride**The Young Lady Was A Charmer*

By Lee Spencer, in January Mississippis

The counselor had counseled.

The placement interviewer had interviewed.

No doubt about it—the young lady was a charmer. She was an employer's dream of the attractive, well-groomed applicant who would brighten his office and at the same time handle clerical duties with conscientiousness and with dispatch.

There was just this one thing.

She was deaf.

Not partially deaf.

Stone deaf.

Had been that way since she was seven.

But good things had happened to her along the way.

She had been a scholastic success in high school—graduating from Central High School in Jackson with top honors.

She had been a client of Vocational Rehab.

And finally, she had encountered an ES counseling-placement operation functioning as it is meant to function, including the right job development. So good things continued to happen.

Through the joint efforts of Miss Rita Mashburn, counselor, and Mrs. Frances Paderewski, employment interviewer, both in the State Employment office in Jackson, the applicant was placed in a clerical job.

She has been on this job for more than three months—successful, happy and venturesome. So venturesome, in fact, that on December 20th she married a young man who is also deaf.

And numbered among the wedding guests, almost as radiant as the bride, were Miss Mashburn and Mrs. Paderewski.

(Note: The young lady in this story is the bride pictured above, who was married in the Baptist Building on December 20.)

MC Registration To Be Jan. 29

Registration for the second semester at Mississippi College will be held on Wednesday, January 29, according to Troy Mohon, registrar.

Mohon said that registration would begin at 8 a.m. in the B. C. Rogers Student Center and continue throughout the day until all students are registered. Classes will meet on Thursday, January 30; on a reduced schedule, and begin the regular schedule on Friday.

The time that one is to register will be determined by the first letter in the individual's last name. Mohon announced the registering times as follows: S-Z, inclusive, 8:30 a.m.; A-D inclusive, 9:30-11 a.m.; E-L inclusive, 1:30-3 p.m.; and M-R inclusive, 2:30-4 p.m.

Students taking only night and Saturday classes will register Thursday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

No longer forward or behind
I look in hope or fear,
But grateful take the good I find,
The best of now and here.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Magee will fly to Guatemala on January 18, for a special Evangelism Conference. A five-day emphasis, which will be conducted at the Theological Institute in Guatemala City, has been

planned to prepare for the Crusade of the Americas. Dr. Magee visited Guatemala a year ago at the invitation of Rev. C. S. Cadwallader, Jr., missionary to Guatemala. After participating in two evangelism confer-

ences, he was invited to return by the President of the National Baptist Pastors' Conference. On this particular visit he will deliver six lectures on preaching and fulfill other speaking engagements. He is pastor of

McElroy has accompanied these productions. Mr. McElroy studied Advanced Choral Techniques with Robert Shaw in Michigan in the summer of 1967.

Mrs. R. W. Porter was the honoree at a tea given by the Leesburg Church, Rankin County, shortly before the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Porter is the wife of Rev. R. W. Porter, pastor at Leesburg for the past five years. She was organist and music program director while her husband was pastor there. The surprise tea followed a piano-organ recital in which Mrs. Porter presented her pupils. Mr. Porter is now retiring and the couple has moved to Clinton. The short program presented at the tea included a rendition by the Girls Ensemble of a song written by Mrs. D. T. Measells, Sr. The song was an acoustic, THELMEL PORTER, expressing the love and high esteem in which Mrs. Porter is held by the church and community. Mrs. Peggy Higgins was accompanist. Many nice gifts were presented the honoree.

Dr. W. Herschel Ford has accepted the pastorate of San Jose Church in Jacksonville, Florida. He has served the past five years in evangelistic work, after 16 years in First Church, El Paso, Texas. He is the author of 26 books of Simple Sermons.

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Harry Gibson (pictured) was recently ordained to the ministry by Parkhill Church, Jackson. His father, Rev. J. N. Gibson, who is pastor at Parkhill, preached the ordination message. Others on program included Rev. John Lee, Rev. Homer Ainsworth, Rev. Ben Cooley, and Rev. Ned Barrett. The latter presented the Bible, on behalf of the church, to the candidate. The newly ordained preacher is pastor of Gum Springs Church, Simpson County. Married to Glenda Cliburn, he is a former student at Clarke College, and plans to enter Mississippi College next term.

Faye Taylor McIlwain has received her 17th year award, from New Hope Church south of Meridian, for perfect attendance in Sunday school. (Her pastor is Dr. John E. Barrow.) Both she and her husband, David McIlwain, Jr., are students at University of Southern Mississippi. Sundays they are in Hattiesburg they attend Temple Church. Mrs. McIlwain is the daughter of Supervisor and Mrs. Lamar Taylor of Route 3, Meridian.

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